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VACANT POSTS IN ESI HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of doctors, nurses, para-medical and other categories of employees sanctioned, filled and lying vacant during each of last three years in the Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals and dispensaries, State-wise;

(b) the time by which the vacant posts are likely to be filled up;

(c) the procedure followed for recruitment of the above staff in ESI hospitals and dispensaries;

(d) whether the services by Employees State insurance Corporation(ESIC) are not being provided properly due to dual control of both the State and Union Government: and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The State-wise number of posts sanctioned, filled and lying vacant in respect of doctors, nurses and paramedical and other categories of employees during each of the three years i.e., 2004 -05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 in ESI Hospitals and dispensaries is given in Annexures A-I, A-II & A-III.

(b): Filling up of vacancies in ESI Hospitals in the States is to be done by the State Government. Hence, the Chief Ministers/Chief Secretaries of the respective States have been requested to fill up the vacancies of all categories of staff expeditiously. Regarding filling up of vacancies in Hospitals and Dispensaries run by ESI Corporation the recruitment rules for the entry level in various medical posts have been amended to facilitate State-wise local recruitment with knowledge in local language. The vacancies are likely to be filled up by 30.9.2008.

(c): The recruitment of staff in ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries run by the State Government is done as per the recruitment rules of the State Government for various categories of the staff. The recruitment of medical staff in Hospitals and Dispensaries run by ESI Corporation is done directly by the ESI Corporation by holding tests/interview as per the Recruitment Regulations. The powers for recruitment of Group C & D staff by following the laid down procedure have been delegated to the respective Medical Superintendents/Director (Medical) Delhi. They have been asked to complete the entire recruitment process by 31.5.2008.

(d) & (e): Medical care is provided to the insured persons and their family members through State Government run hospitals and hospitals run directly by ESI Corporation. The ESIC share of expenditure is to the extent of 87.5% of the ceiling prescribed by the Corporation from time to time. The rest of the expenditure is to be borne by the State Government. For smooth implementation of the Scheme, ESI Corporation has taken the following steps:-

(i) The State Governments have been advised to take measures to improve delivery of medical care services.

(ii) ESI Corporation has taken over one hospital in a State to be run as Model Hospital. As on date, there are 21 model hospitals in the country. The total expenditure on Model Hospitals is borne by the ESI Corporation.

(iii) ESI Corporation has taken in principle decision to take over ESI Scheme in those states where State Government makes a specific request, subject to fulfilling the criteria of modalities, feasibility and economic viability.

(iv) Scheme of Revolving Corpus Fund has been started where the funds are kept with the Regional Director on the request of the State Government and the payment is made directly by State Medical Commissioner and Regional Director Office in respect of super speciality treatment, drugs and dressings.